

Application No.: 10/732,959 (K-C Docket No. 16,514)

Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed May 24, 2006

Remarks

Applicant appreciates and thanks the Examiner for permitting Applicant to redress certain errors in the response to the restriction requirement in the Examiner's Office Action, mailed April 27, 2006. The restriction required an election between Group 1 (the subject matter of currently pending claims 24-33) and Group 2 (currently pending claims 32-42). A Group 1 election further required an election of species in claims 32 and 33. A Group 2 election further required an election of species in each of claims 38, 39 and 40. Applicant elects to prosecute Group 1 (claims 24-33), the elected species in claim 32 is a glove, and the elected species of claim 33 is a synthetic rubber. This election is made without traverse.

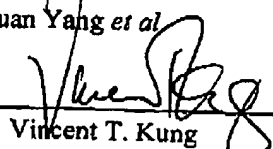
Applicant also thanks the Examiner for the courtesy extended in a telephone conversation with Karl Sidor about this case. To help further prosecution, however, Applicant requests that Applicant be permitted to modify the claims. Applicant had originally intended to rewrite the claims as they are presented in new claims 43-62, above, but due to an unfortunate clerical error, Applicant had mistakenly resubmitted the identical claims that were meant to be cancelled. As the Examiner appears to appreciate, the inventive subject matter involves, in-part, the creation of a wider interface between the substrate and fiber strands. Such a wider interface helps secure the fiber to the substrate. The correct new claims address the presence of a deformation at the interface between a fiber strand and the substrate surface which helps to bond the fiber to the substrate. (See, Specification, Figs. 1 and 2, p.2, lines 18-22; p.17, line 25 to p.18, line 7; p.18, line 26 to p.19, line 6.)

If the Examiner determines that patentable subject matter is present in the pending claims, Applicant would much appreciate if the Examiner would contact Vincent Kung, the undersigned Attorney directly at: (770) 587-8606.

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